

Council of the Town of La Plata
La Plata Town Hall
Tuesday, September 12, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of August minutes

August 1 special meeting and work session, August 1 closed session, August 8 regular meeting, August 10 additional work session, August 15 closed session, August 15 work session, and August 22 work session

Treasurer's Report

Petitions, Communications, Appearances, and Public Forum

1. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell – presentation of book received from the Mayor of La Plata, Argentina.
2. Henry J. Stehr – regarding Town acquisition by eminent domain of property owned by Henry J. Stehr and Anita S. Gibson, for the purpose of construction of Heritage Green Parkway.

Legislation

Ordinance 06-21 Major Facilities Fees in the Old Town Utility District (For Adoption) – For the purpose of revising the exemption to the application of the Town's Major Facilities Fee on properties located in the Old Town Utility District; providing for the use of monies currently in the Town's Major Facilities Fund and revenues to be contributed to the fund on and after a certain date; providing for the severability of the provisions of this Ordinance; and all matters generally related to the Town's Major Facilities Fee.

Ordinance 06-22 Regulation of Smoking and Tobacco Products – Private Clubs (For Introduction) – For the purpose of defining certain terms; exempting private clubs from certain prohibitions against smoking or carrying lighted tobacco products under certain circumstances; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance 06-23 Amendment to Town of La Plata Infrastructure Bonds, 2006 Series A (For Introduction) – For the purpose of amending the list of projects, as contained in Emergency Ordinance 06-1, to be financed in whole or in part by the issuance and sale of "The Town of La Plata, Maryland Infrastructure Bonds, 2006 Series A", issued and sold pursuant to the authority of Sections 4-101 through 4-255 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.

Ordinance 06-24 Election Laws Revision (For Introduction) – For the purpose of revising the Town's election laws to eliminate a requirement that voters provide certain types of identification at the polls before being allowed to vote in Town elections and by allowing persons to cast a provisional ballot in certain circumstances; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance 06-25 Elections – Certificate of Nomination (For Introduction) – For the purpose of altering to conform with the Town Charter the date by which a candidate for election to Town office must file a certificate of nomination; providing a date by which the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall make available forms and other materials necessary for candidates to file certificates of nomination for election to Town office; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Ordinance 06-26 Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems – One- and Two-Family Dwellings (For Introduction) – For the purpose of requiring the installing of certain automatic fire sprinkler systems in certain new one- and two-family dwellings; providing that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable; and all matters generally related thereto.

Resolution 06-2 Charter Amendment – Elections (For Introduction) – For the purpose of amending the Charter of the Town of La Plata to alter the dates upon which certificates of nominations must be filed and when Town primary elections are conducted; clarifying the composition and altering the process for appointment of the Town's Board of Supervisors of Elections; altering the circumstances when a primary election must be conducted; reassigning certain electoral process duties and responsibilities formerly assigned to the Clerk-Treasurer; eliminating staggered terms of office for members of the Town Council commencing in 2009 and providing a certain term of office for members of the Council elected in 2007; providing that members of the Town Council from each Councilmanic ward shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire Town; altering the process for filling vacancies in the offices of Mayor and members of the Town Council; altering the process for appeals from certain decisions of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and Town Council; altering the time for conducting a referendum election following the filing a recall petition; authorizing the Town Council to enact ordinances to regulate campaign finance and reporting for Town elections; making certain clarifying and stylistic changes; repealing certain obsolete provisions; and all matters generally relating to the process of conducting elections and terms of office of the Mayor and members of the Town Council in the Town of La Plata.

Resolution 06-8 (For Adoption) - A Resolution authorizing the acquisition of certain property owned by Henry J. Stehr and Anita S. Gibson by eminent domain for the purposes of the construction of Heritage Green Parkway; determining that acquisition of such property for the construction of Heritage Green Parkway is for a public purpose; and matters relating generally thereto.

Unfinished Business

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New Business

1. Price quote from Civil Construction to add 1' paving on east side of St. Mary's Avenue
2. Commission reports

Adjournment

The above Agenda is tentative and may be subject to change without notice. Copies of legislation are available at Town Hall, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata, Maryland, or on the Town's web page at www.townoflaplata.org under "Legislation".